

# Skinner Butte Park

*Discover the Butte*



*Skinner Butte play structure*

*Donation Catalog*



# A River Runs Through Them

*Our growing community is ready for two, new regional playgrounds! During fall 2003, park planners talked to children, parents, and other interested community members and designed two different, but complementary, playgrounds, connected by the Willamette River—one at Skinner Butte Park and one at Alton Baker Park. Once completed, these playgrounds will be the largest in Eugene and will draw children of all ages and abilities from around the region to explore and discover the cultural and natural history of the area through innovative play elements.*

*With pledges of funding and volunteer support from the Eugene Downtown Rotary Club, the vision for the playground at Skinner Butte Park can become a reality.*

## Discover Eugene's Past and Present




Uncover fossils and other artifacts at the archeological dig, climb a play replica of the Skinner Butte climbing columns, engage in sand and water play, and learn about local cultural history by playing in a Kalapuya Indian village and pioneer settlement made for kids at the playground at Skinner Butte Park.

The playground mirrors the geography of Eugene with a grassy mound representing Spencer Butte to the south, a basalt climbing wall representing Skinner Butte as the centerpiece of the playground, and a waterway representing the Willamette River flowing through it. Along the river's course is the archeological dig. Nestled among large trees is a cluster of structures fashioned like the Kalapuya Indians' summer dwellings, while an old mill, other early settler buildings and an agricultural maze form the pioneer village.

At this one-acre, one-of-a-kind playground, children explore Eugene's natural and cultural history and geography and engage in healthy, active and creative play.

## Invest in Riverfront Property

This project would not be possible without the generosity of the community. Basic funding for the project is provided by the 1998 parks and open space bond measure. These dollars will be stretched as much as possible through grants, matching dollars and other sources of funding. However, in order to realize the full scope of the vision, we need the community. The Eugene Downtown Rotary Club stepped up to help fund and build the Skinner Butte Park playground and asks you to pledge your support as well. This gift catalog describes the many opportunities available to the community to get involved:

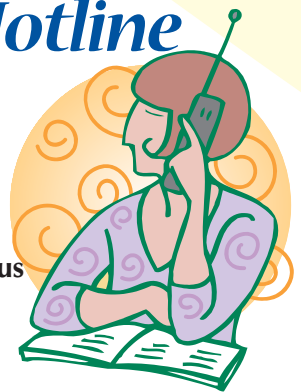
-  Purchase a piece of the playground, a boulder, brick, bench, or other playground element.
-  Donate cash, labor or materials toward the construction of the playground.
-  Sponsor a whole play area.

Construction of phase one of the playground is scheduled to start summer 2004. Volunteer support and fundraising will be critical in determining how much of phase one will be realized.

## Playground Hotline

For more information, contact:

**Carrie Peterson**  
**Park Development Coordinator**  
**(541) 682-4907**  
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**[www.ci.eugene.or.us/parks/planning/riv\\_proj.htm](http://www.ci.eugene.or.us/parks/planning/riv_proj.htm)**



# Purchase a Piece of the Playground

*Pictured and described below are the various playground elements available to purchase and donate. The listings indicate the cost of the item, the quantity available for purchase, its location in the playground, and the anticipated installation phase. The "Giving Level" indicates the type of recognition your donation will receive (see "Climb to Higher Levels," for more information).*

## Discovery Bricks

Your timeless inscription on a brick that forms the entry pathway into the park will welcome children of all ages for generations to come.

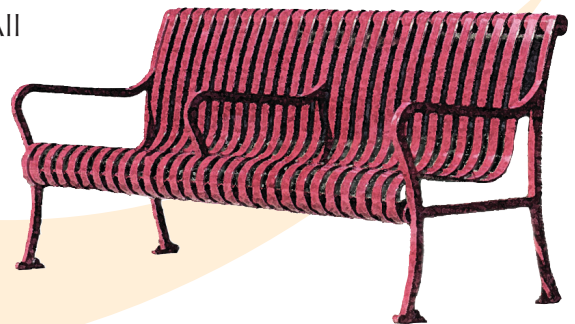
Donation: \$100-\$999  
Quantity: Hundreds  
Giving Level: Native Seed  
Location: Various  
Phase: One



## Benches

Park patrons will thank you for your contribution as they rest on your donated bench with its custom-inscribed plaque.

Donation: \$2,000  
Quantity: Ten  
Giving Level: Trading Post  
Location: Various  
Phase: All



## River Seating Boulders

Parents and caregivers can sit on these river-like boulders and enjoy misty refreshment from the hot summer sun as they watch their children frolic in the rain cloud play area. Each boulder includes a custom inscription.

Donation: \$1,250  
Quantity: Eight  
Giving Level: Trading Post  
Location: Rain Circle Plaza  
Phase: One



## Picnic Tables

Families spending the day at this playground can take a break from play and enjoy a picnic lunch. Each includes a custom-inscribed plaque.

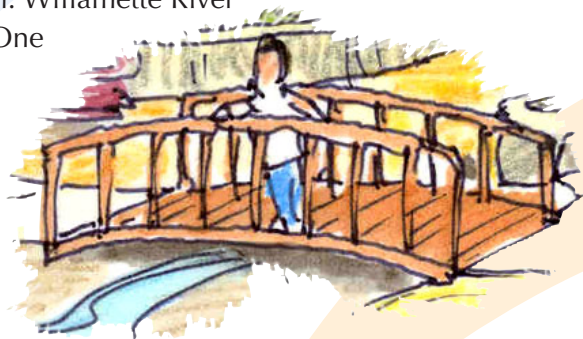
Donation: \$5,000  
Quantity: Three  
Giving Level: Settler  
Location: Various  
Phase: All



## Bridge over the Willamette River

Provide a safe and fun crossing of the “Willamette River” with this quaint wooden bridge.

Donation: \$4,000  
Quantity: One  
Giving Level: Explorer  
Location: Willamette River  
Phase: One



## Tactile Map

Located at the playground entrance, this colorful tactile map helps orient young children and those with sight impairment to the playground.

Donation: \$5,000  
Quantity: One  
Giving Level: Settler  
Location: Entry Way  
Phase: One



## Pioneer Village Houses

Help recreate an early pioneer village with play replicas of an old city hall, school, hotel, blacksmith shop, and jail.

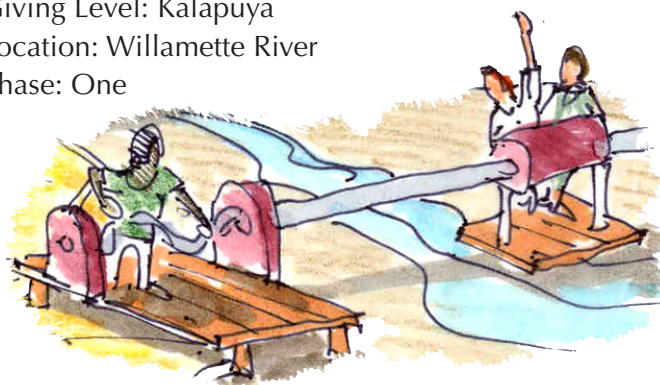
Donation: \$5,000  
Quantity: Six  
Giving Level: Settler  
Location: Pioneer Village  
Phase: One



## Ferry

Children enjoy pretending to be early settlers as they shuttle people and cargo across the playground’s “Willamette River” on a play replica of the ferry that Eugene Skinner operated near the present-day Ferry Street Bridge shortly after settling in the area.

Donation: \$15,000  
Quantity: One  
Giving Level: Kalapuya  
Location: Willamette River  
Phase: One





## Rain Circle

Help create the headwaters of the “Willamette River” at the rain circle, a water play element located in the Kalapuya village.

Donation: \$20,000  
Quantity: One  
Giving Level: Kalapuya  
Location: Kalapuya Village  
Phase: One



## Climbing Columns

On a play replica of Eugene’s unique basalt climbing columns at Skinner Butte, children can safely experience the thrill, challenge and camaraderie of rock climbing, as well as the view from the top!

Donation: \$30,000  
Quantity: One  
Giving Level: Adventurer–Bronze  
Location: Pioneer Village  
Phase: One



## Kalapuya Summer Play House

Provide children with hours of fun, as they play in a miniature replica of the summer dwellings typical of the Kalapuya Native American Indians.

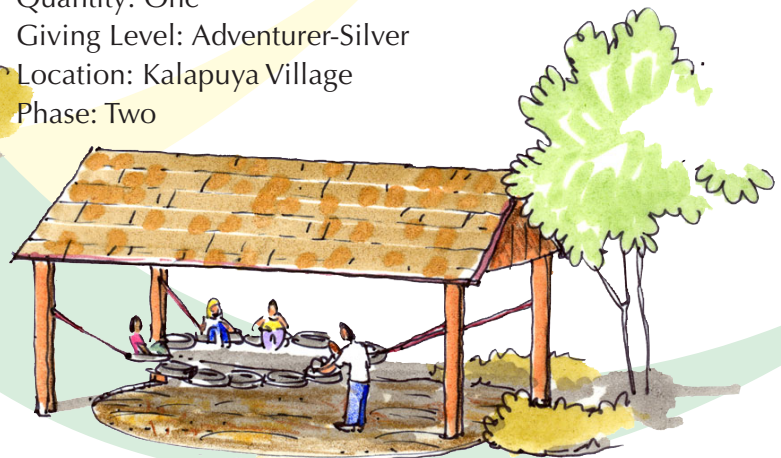
Donation: \$25,000  
Quantity: One  
Giving Level: Adventurer-Bronze  
Location: Kalapuya Village  
Phase: One



## Longhouse Shelter

Give children and adults the opportunity to relax together on this special, covered group swing and re-inspire the art of storytelling.

Donation: \$50,000  
Quantity: One  
Giving Level: Adventurer-Silver  
Location: Kalapuya Village  
Phase: Two



# Sponsor a Play Area

**O**rganizations, corporations, community groups, or individuals are invited to make a significant contribution to the community by sponsoring an entire area of the playground. Donating the cost of one of the areas described below will ensure this area will be included in the first phase of construction, scheduled for summer 2004. Schedule a meeting with your company or community group now and start organizing to fund one of these exciting play areas.

**Pioneer Village** – Between the two buttes is a representation of Eugene in its early days including an old mill, general store, jail, blacksmith shop, and other play structures. This play area is specially designed to facilitate countless play possibilities for children age two to five. (See back page)

Donation: \$110,000      Level: Adventurer Silver

**Children's Amphitheater** – Made with natural elements, this small-scale amphitheater will likely become the location of many impromptu plays and performances as kids amaze and delight their families and friends with their talent.

Donation: \$30,000      Level: Adventurer Bronze

**Skinner Butte** – A play replica of Skinner Butte is the core of this playground, satisfying children's seemingly instinctual desire to climb. They ascend vertical net climbers and walls and then descend down a giant slide to begin again. Underneath the butte lie talk tubes and other play elements designed for exploration.

Donation: \$150,000      Level: Adventurer Silver

**Archeological Dig** – What better way to learn about the history of this area than to discover it yourself? In a sand riverbed at the base of the Skinner Butte play area, children dig and discover "artifacts" that reveal physical evidence of Eugene's history from dinosaurs through pioneer settlements.

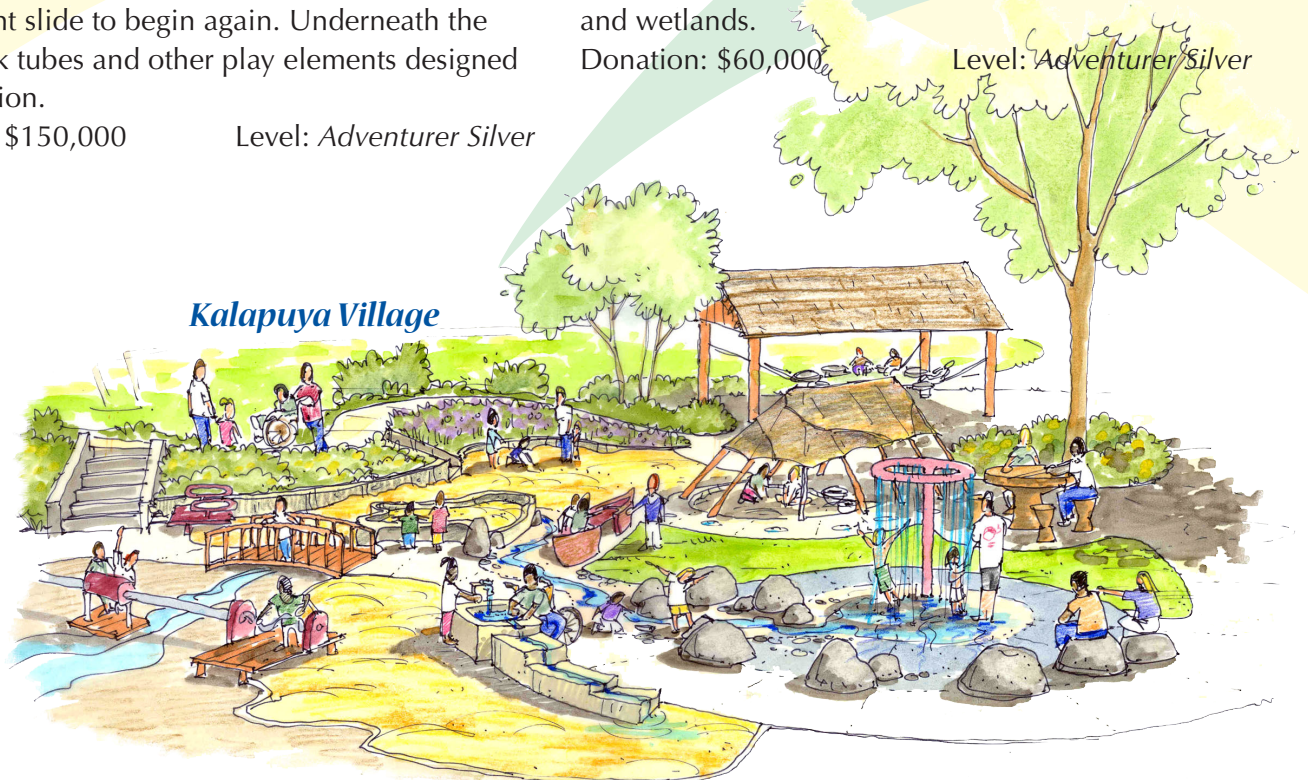
Donation: \$30,000      Level: Adventurer Bronze

**Kalapuya Village** – Nestled among large trees near the picnic area, the Kalapuya Village invites children to explore the life of the earliest known inhabitants in our area with a summer dwelling, long house and drumming circle.

Donation: \$110,000      Level: Adventurer Silver

**Willamette River** – Originating from a rain cloud, the river provides hands-on sand and water play along its course and introduces children to the native plants, water insects and fish in and around Eugene's rivers and wetlands.

Donation: \$60,000      Level: Adventurer Silver





# Fund the Nitty Gritty

*Building one of the largest playgrounds in Eugene will require considerable materials and skilled and volunteer labor. Listed below are some of the materials needed to make this playground a reality. Consider contributing skilled labor, cash, or in-kind donations of the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>QUANTITY</i>	<i>COST</i>
Gravel	20 cy	\$20/cy
Concrete Paving	20,375 sf	\$3.50/sf
Concrete Edge	397 lf	\$20/lf
Concrete Walls	88 lf	\$150/lf
Concrete Retainers	90 lf	\$80/lf
Mulch	50 cy	\$25/cy
Filter Fabric	10,500 sf	\$.15/sf
Sand Surfacing	95 cy	\$25/cy
Rubber Surfacing	2,600 sf	\$17/sf
Wood Chip Surfacing	205 cy	\$35/cy
Trees	10 ea	\$225/ea
5 gallon Shrubs	100 ea	\$50/ea
2 gallon Shrubs	200 ea	\$25/ea
1 gallon Shrubs/Plants	200 ea	\$10/ea
Lawn Seed	2,700 sf	\$.15/sf
Irrigation System	1 lump	\$5,000
Electrical Service	1 lump	\$3,000
Potable Water	1 lump	\$5,000
Grading	1 lump	\$15,000

Standard abbreviations used in construction terms include: cy=cubic yards, sf=square feet, ea=each, and lf=lineal foot.

# Climb to Higher Levels

*Listed below are the various giving levels available to help fund this effort and the special recognition each donation receives. All donations are tax deductible. Donors will also receive a letter of recognition and be listed on printed materials and the project's webpage. The children of Eugene offer a heartfelt thanks to you in advance!*

<i>LEVEL</i>	<i>DONATION AMOUNT</i>	<i>TYPE OF RECOGNITION</i>
Native Seed	\$100 - \$999	Custom-inscribed donor brick
Trading Post	\$1,000 - \$2,499	Name in small print on donor wall
Explorer	\$2,500 - \$4,999	Name in medium print on donor wall
Settler	\$5,000 - \$9,999	Name in large print on donor wall
Kalapuya	\$10,000 - \$24,999	Plaque on or near sponsored play element, name in large print on donor wall
Adventurer Bronze	\$25,000 - \$49,999	Signage acknowledging sponsorship of play element or area, name in large print on donor wall, and mention in all publicity materials
Adventurer Silver	\$50,000 - \$249,999	Prominent signage acknowledging sponsorship of major area, name in large print on donor wall, and mention in all publicity materials.
Adventurer Gold	\$250,000+	Name included on the playground's main entrance sign, name in large print on donor wall, and mention in all publicity materials

For more information about participating in volunteer work parties to install various components of the playground this summer, see contact information in the "Playground Hotline" box on the inside cover.

# Help Realize the Vision Now!

## Skinner Butte Park Donation Form



Donor name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Donation item: \_\_\_\_\_ Giving level: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription (*Bricks—2 lines, 12 characters per line • Benches and Picnic Tables—3 lines, 42 characters per line • Boulders—2 lines, 16 characters per line • All other sponsored items—Call 682-4907 for plaque or signage details.*):

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Custom instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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May we list your name on our project website? ☐ Yes ☐ No

***Donations are tax deductible.***

Make checks payable to:  
**City of Eugene**

Mail completed form and donation to:  
**Carrie Peterson  
Parks and Open Space Planning  
1820 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Eugene, OR 97402**



***Pioneer Village***